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Applicant: Lanctot et al. Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.
Serial No.: 09/641,931 Art Unit: 1639
Filed: August 18, 2000
For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE, METHOD AND KIT FOR SELECTING A
NUCLEIC ACID HAVING A DESIRED FEATURE

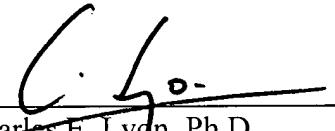
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the June 6, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application from September 6, 2003, to and including December 6, 2003. A check in the amount of \$475.00 for the small entity extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) is enclosed. Kindly charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,


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